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Attn: BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant Letter of Intent to Participate

Administrator Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
MC: 4606M
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Letter of Intent from CT Department of Public Health for the BIL related Emerging Contaminants grant program under SDWA 1459A

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH), I submit this letter as notice of intent to participate in the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant program as authorized and appropriated under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The CTDPH implements the Federal EPA Safe Drinking Water Act and enacts safe drinking water primacy under my Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch (EHDW). The Environmental Health & Drinking Water (EHDW) Branch will serve as the point of contact for this program. Please send any follow-up information pertaining to the grant program to the following: Lori Mathieu, EHDW Branch Chief lori.mathieu@ct.gov, 860-305-1906 and Rachel Nowek, Branch Manager Rachel.nowek@ct.gov, 860-509-7313.

CT DPH is committed to proactively addressing PFAS in drinking water with a health equity and public health protection focus for Connecticut's citizens. Governor Lamont created a PFAS Task Force of State Agencies led by the Commissioner of the CT DPH along with the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The Task Force produced a [Plan to address PFAS contamination](#) in the state. This PFAS Plan contains numerous public drinking water related actions which the CT DPH is in the process of implementing to address drinking water related PFAS contamination. In the coming months, the CT DPH will be implementing Plan Recommendation 1.1.a by initiating a PFAS testing program for schools and daycares that are regulated public water systems in disadvantaged communities. The public water systems in communities being targeted are both vulnerable to PFAS contamination and fall



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within Environmental Justice, state-defined Distressed Municipalities and are above 0.5 in the Centers for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index.

The primary contact for correspondence regarding this funding opportunity is Lori Mathieu, EHDWB Public Health Branch Chief. She may be contacted at lori.mathieu@ct.gov if there are any questions or additional information is needed. CT DPH looks forward to providing a full description of its proposed project in its forthcoming grant application.

Sincerely,

Heather Aaron

Heather Aaron MPH, LNHA Deputy Commissioner

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